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SERIAL NO.: 10/665,326

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TITLE: "A DENTAL APPLIANCE HAVING AN ALTERED VERTICAL THICKNESS BETWEEN AN UPPER SHELL AND A LOWER SHELL WITH AN INTEGRATED HINGING MECHANISM TO ATTACH AN UPPER SHELL AND A LOWER SHELL AND A SYSTEM AND A METHOD FOR TREATING MALOCCLUSIONS"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which of which are enclosed herewith, be made during the course of examination of the above-mentioned application for U.S. patent. No fee is due for submission of this statement. If, however, any fees are due and owing in view of this communication, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0595. **A duplicate of this sheet is included for this purpose.**

I. SUBMITTED REFERENCES

A. U.S. PATENTS

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>PATENTEE</u>	<u>ISSUE DATE</u>
3,724,075	Kesling	Apr. 3, 1973

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3,837,081	Kesling	Sept. 24, 1974
4,073,061	Bergersen	Feb. 14, 1978
4,105,032	Blomstedt	Aug. 8, 1978
4,139,944	Bergersen	Feb. 20, 1979
4,370,129	Huge	Jan. 25, 1983
4,371,336	Hilleman	Feb. 1, 1983
4,396,373	Dellinger	Aug. 2, 1983
4,568,280	Ahlin	Feb. 4, 1986
4,591,341	Andrews	May 27, 1986
4,784,605	Bergersen	Nov. 15, 1988
4,799,884	Bergersen	Jan. 24, 1989
4,830,612	Bergersen	May 16, 1989
4,919,612	Bergersen	Apr. 24, 1990
4,983,334	Adell	Jan. 8, 1991
4,986,751	Bergersen	Jan. 22, 1991
5,028,231	Hall	Jul. 2, 1991
5,037,294	Bergersen	Aug. 6, 1991
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5,334,218	Johnson	Aug. 2, 1994
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5,683,244	Truax	Nov. 4, 1997
5,779,470	Kussick	Jul. 14, 1998
5,814,074	Branam	Sep. 29, 1998
5,816,799	Parker	Oct. 6, 1998
5,876,199	Bergersen	Mar. 2, 1999
5,882,192	Bergersen	Mar. 16, 1999
5,911,576	Ulrich et al.	Jun. 15, 1999
5,975,893	Chishti et al.	Nov. 2, 1999
6,299,440	Phan et al.	Oct. 9, 2001
6,454,565	Phan et al.	Sep. 24, 2002
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**B. INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION CORRESPONDING TO
ABOVE-MENTIONED APPLICATION FOR U.S. PATENT**

<u>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>
PCT/US03/29667	Bergersen	Sep. 19, 2003

**C. INTERNATIONAL WRITTEN OPINION FOR CORRESPONDING
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<u>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>APPLICANT</u>	<u>MAILING DATE</u>
PCT/US03/29667	Bergersen	Jun. 16, 2004

**D. INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT FOR CORRESPONDING
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II. REMARKS

A copy of the corresponding International Application is not

included with this Information Disclosure Statement because the text of the application is identical to the above-mentioned U.S. Application, U.S. Serial No. 10/665,326. Copies of the other references together with form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

In the Written Opinion for the corresponding International Application, the International Preliminary Examining Authority opined that Claims 1, 2, 4, 14, 17, 19 and 20 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 5,876,199. Further, the International Preliminary Examining Authority opined Claims 8, 10 and 11 lack novelty under PCT Article 33(2) as being anticipated by *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 4,784,605. In addition, the International Preliminary Examining Authority opined that Claim 3 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 5,876,199 in view of *Hall*, U.S. Patent No. 5,028,231. Still further, the International Preliminary Examining Authority opined that Claims 5 and 6 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 5,876,199 in view of *Kesling*, U.S. Patent No. 3,837,081. The International Preliminary Examining Authority also opined that Claim 7 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 5,876,199 in view of *Adell*, U.S. Patent No. 4,983,334.

Furthermore, the International Preliminary Examining

Authority opined that Claim 9 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 4,784,605 in view of *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 5,876,199; Claim 12 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 4,784,605 in view of *Kesling*, U.S. Patent No. 3,724,075; and Claim 16 lacks an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 5,876,199 in view of *Kussick*, U.S. Patent No. 5,779,470.

The International Preliminary Examining Authority opined that Claims 13, 15 and 18 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(4).

In the International Search Report for the corresponding International Application, the International Searching Authority cited *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 5,876,199; *Bergersen*, U.S. Patent No. 4,784,605; *Ulrich et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 5,911,576; *Kesling*, U.S. Patent No. 3,837,081; *Adell*, U.S. Patent No. 4,983,334; *Kesling*, U.S. Patent No. 3,724,075; and *Kussick*, U.S. Patent No. 5,779,470.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all claims of the application are patentably distinguishable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is, therefore, requested.

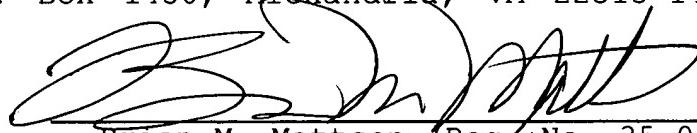


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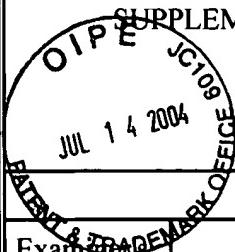

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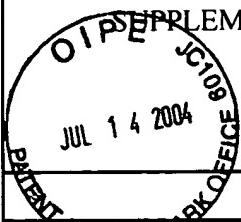
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